

IN THE CLAIMS

For the convenience of the Examiner, all pending claims are listed below.

34. (Unchanged) A method for controlling airflow through an inflatable device having two or more inlet ports for admitting airflow into the device, the method comprising the steps of:

- providing a plug;
- placing the plug in an inlet port and retaining the plug in the inlet port;
- introducing an airflow into the device through another inlet port; and
- the plug restricting egress of the airflow through the other inlet port.

35. (Unchanged) An apparatus for warming a person, comprising:
an inflatable cover for disposition on a portion of a person's body;
two inlet ports in the inflatable cover; and
a plug removably received in at least one port of the two ports.

36. (Unchanged) The apparatus of claim 35, the plug including:
a planar central body; and,
a plurality of extensions coplanar with the central body and which extend from the central body, at least two of which are receivable in the one port.

37. (Unchanged) The apparatus of claim 36 wherein at least one of the extensions is curved.

38. (Unchanged) The apparatus of claim 36 wherein at least one of the extensions is triangular.

39. (Unchanged) The apparatus of claim 36 wherein at least one of the extensions is rectangular.

40. (Unchanged) The apparatus of claim 36 wherein at least one of the extensions is formed from a resilient material .

41. (Unchanged) The apparatus of claim 36 wherein at least one of the extensions has a distal end which is not coplanar with the central body.

42. (Unchanged) The apparatus of claim 36 wherein at least one of the extensions has a distal end which is formed at an angle.

43. (Unchanged) The apparatus of claim 36 wherein at least one of the extensions has a distal end which is notched.

44. (Unchanged) The apparatus of claim 36 wherein the plug is a plastic material.

45. (Unchanged) The apparatus of claim 36 wherein the plug is a wood pulp material.

46. (Unchanged) The apparatus of claim 36 wherein the plurality of extensions includes an even number of opposing extensions.

47. (Unchanged) The apparatus of claim 46 wherein the plurality of extensions includes two pairs of opposing extensions.

48. (Unchanged) The apparatus of claim 46 wherein the plurality of extensions includes three pairs of opposing extensions.

49. (Unchanged) The apparatus of claim 35, wherein the plug includes:
a flange; and
a substantially vertical ring-like wall receivable in the one port; and
at least two protuberances which extend from the substantially vertical ring-like wall to resist removal of the plug from the one port.

50. (Unchanged) The apparatus of claim 49 wherein at least one of the protuberances has a lower slope.

51. (Unchanged) The apparatus of claim 49 wherein at least one of the protuberances has an upper slope.

52. (Unchanged) The apparatus of claim 49 wherein the flange is sufficiently thick to allow a user to grasp the flange and remove the plug from the one port.

53. (Unchanged) The apparatus of claim 49 wherein at least one of the protuberances is retractable.

54. (Unchanged) The apparatus of claim 35, wherein the inflatable cover is for transverse disposition across the chest of a person's body.

55. (Unchanged) The apparatus of claim 35, wherein the inflatable cover is for disposition on a lower portion of a person's body.

56. (Unchanged) The apparatus of claim 35, wherein:
the first inlet port includes a first sheet of flexible material attached to the inflatable cover and a hole adapted to receive the nozzle of an air hose; and
the second port includes a second sheet of flexible material attached to the inflatable cover and a hole adapted to receive the nozzle of an air hose.

57. (Unchanged) The apparatus of claim 56, the plug including:
a planar central body; and,
a plurality of extensions coplanar with the central body and which extend from the central body, at least two of which are receivable in the hole of the first sheet and in the hole of the second sheet.

58. (Unchanged) The apparatus of claim 57 wherein at least one of the extensions is curved.

59. (Unchanged) The apparatus of claim 57 wherein at least one of the extensions is triangular.

60. (Unchanged) The apparatus of claim 57 wherein at least one of the extensions is rectangular.

61. (Unchanged) The apparatus of claim 57 wherein at least one of the extensions is formed from a resilient material .

62. (Unchanged) The apparatus of claim 57 wherein at least one of the extensions has a distal end which is not coplanar with the central body.

63. (Unchanged) The apparatus of claim 57 wherein at least one of the extensions has a distal end which is formed at an angle.

64. (Unchanged) The apparatus of claim 57 wherein at least one of the extensions has a distal end which is notched.

65. (Unchanged) The apparatus of claim 57 wherein the plug is a plastic material.

66. (Unchanged) The apparatus of claim 57 wherein the plug is a wood pulp material.

67. (Unchanged) The apparatus of claim 57 wherein the plurality of extensions includes an even number of opposing extensions.

68. (Unchanged) The apparatus of claim 67 wherein the plurality of extensions includes two pairs of opposing extensions.

69. (Unchanged) The apparatus of claim 67 wherein the plurality of extensions includes three pairs of opposing extensions.

70. (Unchanged) The apparatus of claim 57, wherein the inflatable cover is for transverse disposition across the chest of a person's body.

Please withdraw claim 71 from consideration.